

C O N F I D E N T I A L

PLAN FOR SIX-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD  
OF R&D WORKING GROUP  
AS R&D SUBCOMMITTEE

During the six-month trial period (30 September 1975-28 February 1976), the R&D Working Group of the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee will function as a subcommittee of the Security Committee.

During this period the Chairman of the R&D Working Group will report to the Chairman of the Security Committee in the same manner as other subcommittee chairmen.

The R&D Working Group will continue to support the Security Committee and the Security Committee subcommittees on the basis of tasking by those subcommittees. Acceptance of tasking from other subcommittees will be subject to approval of the Chairman of the R&D Working Group.

In order to insure proper coordination of the activities of the R&D Working Group with the other subcommittees, the Chairman of the R&D Working Group or his designee will attend the regular meetings of the other subcommittees when items of R&D interest are to be discussed. This can be arranged as desired, either on a routine or an ad hoc mutually acceptable basis between the Chairman of the R&D Working Group and the Chairmen of the other subcommittees. Since the preponderance of the R&D Working Group's activities are expected to be in the technical surveillance countermeasures area in the next six months, it is planned to provide the same regular reporting to the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee as has previously been the custom of the R&D Working Group.

When tasks are assigned, that in the judgement of the Chairman of the R&D Working Group are beyond the area of expertise of the permanent representatives or will require a significant amount of effort, approval of the Chairman of the Security Committee will be obtained prior to undertaking the work. For those approved tasks requiring expertise not available within the permanent membership of the R&D Working Group special task forces will be established on the informal advice of the R&D Working Group membership.

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These task forces will draw upon such appropriate personnel as member agencies feel would be desirable and necessary to perform the task.

Should the six-month trial period be completed satisfactorily, the Chairman of the Security Committee, with the concurrence of the membership of the Security Committee, will take the necessary steps to establish a permanent R&D Subcommittee.